

- 1 13. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions  
2 executable upon the attachment of a program appliance to a computer and for performing  
3 the steps comprising: **MARC D. THOMPSON**  
4 checking the authorization of a user; and **PRIMARY EXAMINER**  
5 copying files with reference to a data storage appliance.
- 1 14. The computer-readable medium of claim 13,  
2 wherein the step of copying files is done to the storage appliance.
- 1 15. The computer-readable medium of claim 13 wherein the step of copying files is done  
2 from the storage appliance.
- 1 16. The computer-readable medium of claim 15 having stored thereon computer-executable  
2 instructions for performing the steps further comprising installing a recovery operating  
3 system.
- 1 17. The computer-readable medium of claim 13 having stored thereon computer-executable  
2 instructions for performing the steps further comprising selecting a set of files to be  
3 copied.
- 1 18. The computer-readable medium of claim 16 having stored thereon computer-executable  
2 instructions for performing the steps further comprising providing a set of basic functions  
3 to a user.
- 1 19. The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein the set of basic functions comprises  
2 file access.
- 1 20. The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein the set of basic functions is  
2 comprised essentially of:  
3 transfer of local and network files to a removable media;  
4 access of local and network files;  
5 e-mail; and

6 instant messaging.

1 21. The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein the set of basic functions comprises  
2 access to encrypted media.

1 22. The computer-readable medium of claim 16 wherein the step of installing a recovery  
2 operating system is performed with reference to a PXE image.

- 1 23. A method for backing up a computer system comprising the steps of:  
2 a user connecting an appliance to the computer system;  
3 an operating system on the computer detecting the presence of the appliance;  
4 the operating system executing a program stored on the appliance without storing the  
5 program on the computer system;  
6 the program checking the user's authorization level;  
7 the program copying files from a hard drive within the computer system to a data store;  
8 and  
9 the user disconnecting the appliance from the computer system.
- 1 24. The method of claim 23 wherein the data store is the appliance.
- 1 25. The method of claim 23 wherein the data store is within a second appliance.
- 1 26. The method of claim 23 wherein the data store is accessible via a network, the network  
2 being in data communication with the computer system.
- 1 27. The method of claim 23 further comprising the steps of:  
2 the user subsequently attaching the appliance to the computer system;  
3 an operating system on the computer detecting the presence of the appliance;  
4 the operating system executing the program stored on the appliance;  
5 the program checking the user's authorization level; and  
6 the program copying files from the data store to the hard drive.
- 1 28. The method of claim 23 further comprising the steps of:  
2 the user subsequently attaching the appliance to the computer system;  
3 a BIOS on the computer detecting the presence of the appliance;  
4 the BIOS executing a boot program stored on the appliance;  
5 the boot program copying a temporary operating system from the appliance to the hard  
6 drive;

- 7           the computer rebooting; and  
8           the program copying files from the data store to the hard drive.
- 1   29.   The method of claim 27 wherein the data store is the appliance.
- 1   30.   The method of claim 28 wherein the data store is the appliance.
- 1   31.   The method of claim 28 wherein the data store is accessible via a network, the network  
2       being in data communication with the computer system.